WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Strict enforcement of Hindu Seccession Act

*645. SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATRAMAN:
SHRI MISA R. GANESAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the share allotted to women in the Hindu Succession Act remains on the statute book but it is not being fully implemented!

(b) whether Government would call for a report from State Governments in respect of cases pending for shares for women in their joint family properties;

(c) what action Government propose to take to strictly enforce to apportion the shares to women; and

(d) whether Government would legislate for punishing the law-breakers in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS: (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) The Hindu Succession Act 1956 seeks to amend and codify the law relating to inter-state succession among Hindus. The rules of succession are laid down therein. The individual beneficiaries are at liberty to take advantage of the provisions of the Act. In case they feel aggrieved, they are at liberty to agitate the matter before the appropriate forum and seek remedy in accordance with the law.

(b) There is no specific method by which the statistics relating to pendency of cases relating to shares for women in the joint family properties alone could be collected.

(c) Since it is for the individual beneficiaries to take advantage of the rights available unler the Act. no action on the part of the Government is called for.

(d) No such proposal is under consideration.

Revival plans for HFC & FCI

*646. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(t) whether it is a fact that Governmen have failed as a promoter to submit any revival scheme for HFC and FCI to BIFR inspite of directives from the Bench after the Companies were referred to BIFR in November 1992;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for the failure of the Department of Fertilizers to give such schemes when they are alretdy having a number of revival proposals for consideration, including proposal from Indian and foreign consultants, Trade Unions, Associations, etc.; and

(c) whether Government have any plans for the revial of HFC tnd FCI?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (c) The Goernment was in the process of finalising the revival package after considering the various alternatives including proposals from Unions/ Officers' Associations as also the report of the consultants. However, during the last hearing on 30th/31st Deyember, 1993 for Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation Limited/Fertilizer Corporation of India Limited, the Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (GIFH) directed to hold consultantions with the Workers' Unions Officers' Associations, Banks and the State Governments to arrive at an agreed revival package. The consultations with Unions/Officers' Associations, State Governments, and Banks took further time.